









## PLATE BLOCK Thoughts and Comments

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### Collecting Plate Blocks

The popularity of plate block collecting has been increasing in the last fifteen years. This is evidenced by the many offers of plate blocks for sale and for exchange as many dealers will tell you from their sales. Stamp clubs too indicate growing enthusiasm among the members in their groups.

It would do well for most collectors to stop a moment and reflect objectively the degree of interest and the specific aim in the pursuit of plate block collecting. For just like a living room can be full of beautiful furniture, strewn around in careless fashion, for just as a modern kitchen, with the latest of appliances can be found in messy shape, and even as a work shop may be seen with tools and parts scattered all over, so can an accumulation of plate blocks lead to total disinterest in the absence of a specific aim and organized form of collecting them.

To maintain a nice and attractive plate block collection, each collector should, at the outset or at the early stages, establish in his mind what he would like to collect, how he would like to keep it, what he really wants and what he wants to leave alone. If the individual limits his interest only to United States stamps, the field is large enough that he can choose any part of it, or all branches of it, if he has both the time and the money to follow it regularly and completely.

For instance, confining yourself to U. S., you have the following plate blocks to choose from. First and most popular are the commemoratives and special issues, then come the regular issues, the airmails, special delivery, special handling and these alone represent the stamps used for postage. Others may even go beyond this as to include U. S. defense stamps, sometimes called war savings stamps, and duck stamps, etc. The above will often be collected in plate singles instead of plate blocks and in some instances they may be collected in used form as well.

From these brief descriptions infinite combinations can develop where you can choose any branch of these, or a combination of same. This depends wholly on the degree of interest, amount of time, and the size of your pocketbook. While these are the general classifications, how you shape them up in appearance determines the degree of attractiveness and the amount of satisfaction you and your friends derive from it, and the value.

Obtaining plate blocks is not always the most difficult thing to do.

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After you obtain them, what you do with them is very important. Will they lay around among your other possessions, where they might be carelessly soiled, perhaps damaged or misplaced? When setting out with the great enthusiasm that generally overtakes a collector when he first starts out to build a plate block collection, he should stop to figure out what fields he wants to follow, what he can afford and how he will be able to keep them.

The same spark that was responsible for his initial decision to collect plate blocks should be kept alive and followed throughout the pursuit of his hobby. There is always great excitement and suspense when collectors await the arrival of a new issue. The color of the stamp, the design, the perforations, the number of plates that will be used, and will they all be available, these are the things the average collector experiences with the advent of almost every new issue. It is when you know specifically what you are anticipating that you experience a greater thrill in the assembly of plate blocks and more so in matched sets.

On the other hand, when collectors get in the habit of buying a bunch of plate blocks, unconcerned whether they are well centered or not, whether they are clean or soiled, or even if they might have some slight imperfections, and then upon bringing them home they are thrown into some cigar or shoe box, they really give you little pleasure as a collector and doubtful gains if your efforts were meant for the purpose of investment as an accumulator. Just as you carefully choose your pleasures in other hobbies or pastimes, you can do a lot more for yourself to derive greater satisfaction when you know what plate blocks to buy and what quali-

fications they should have to please you.

With the many varied fields from which you can choose, it is easy to pick that which your budget will permit you and that which you think you could maintain without difficulty.

Commemoratives are most popular because they are special issues, with limited printings commemorating significant and historical events, to the interest of the entire country. Each new commemorative is usually seen for a period of about a year, sometimes longer and sometimes for shorter periods. However, local post offices all over the country do not have them around very long. The unusual picture, design, color and event that is seen on our commemorative is a sharp departure from the regular issue that is with us for many

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years. That is probably one of the big reasons for its popularity.

Just as a doctor may tell you that when you sit down to a meal you should eat slowly and chew your food well, both for health, as well as pleasure, I too feel that the discussions on the various phases of plate block collecting should be given wholesome treatment and more detailed explanation. Therefore I thought it well to point out here that this column will bring up various phases of plate block collecting and those which merit a lot more discussion than one column

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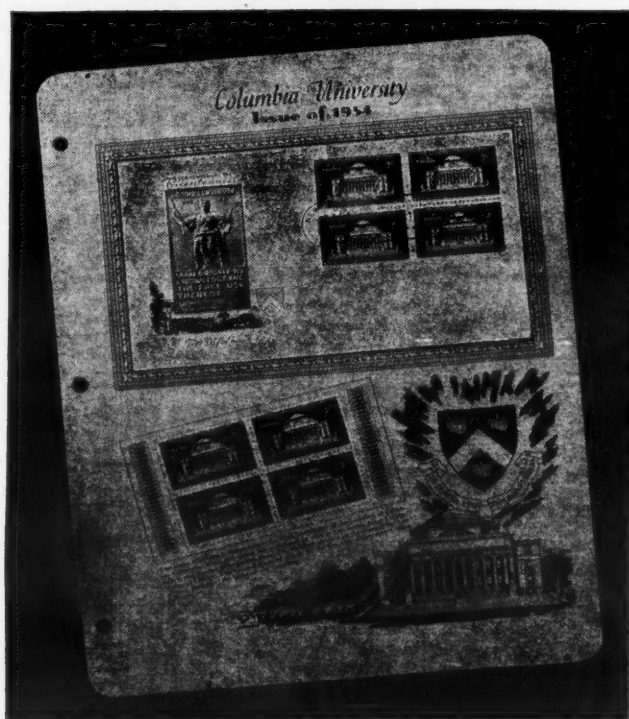
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CHAPTER FOUR

THE ITALIC ROMAN PAID — TYPE I

**PAID**

ITALIC ROMAN - TYPE I

This PAID might well have been included as a sub-variety of the regular straight Roman PAID, but it is such a distinctive and apparently such a rare item that I prefer to give it a chapter by itself.

Since it is the only Italic PAID of which I have any knowledge, it needs little description other than to say it is of the size of a 24 point letter in printers type. It measures about 8mm in height by about 25mm in length, from the forward top of the P to the back of the D.

Thus far I have seen but a single copy; it was on a handsome cover. The cancel is in a faint black color. It would come nearer to being an Italic cutting of the Roman Type VI than of any other recorded Type.

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE.

Type I:—NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

CHAPTER FIVE

THE IONIC PAIDS — TYPE I

**PAID**

IONIC - TYPE I

The Ionic PAIDS are so named because of the style of type which they imitate. In the Roman we have type with serifs. These serifs curve away from the body of the letter and terminate in a point.

The Ionic Type also has a serif but the serifs come away from the body of the letter at a sharp angle and are of the same or substantially the same thickness to their extremities, and have square ends.

This is more noticeable in what would be a Bold Face Ionic Type than in the Type of a regular cut. Since all three of the Ionics which I have seen and illustrate are of the Bold Face, it will be very easy to note the formation of the letters.

The first type I list is the smaller of the three. The word is about 5 1/2 x 23mm. It is not necessary to try to describe it any farther than mentioned above.

I have a single copy in black, off cover, and a single copy in blue, on cover. These are the reward of a five year search for this material so you can judge how scarce this one may be.

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE.

Type I:—STOCKBRIDGE, VERMONT. (Blue)

THE IONIC PAID — TYPE II

**PAID**

IONIC - TYPE II

This Type II of the Ionic PAIDS is what might best be described as an Ionic Bold Face Condensed letter.

In printers type the normal face has other widths that are commonly referred to. Some type is cut with less width to the letters and is called Condensed, sometimes type may be cut still narrower than the Condensed and is called Extra Condensed. At the same time a type may be cut wider than the normal face and that would be referred to as Wide or if cut extra wide it would be called Extra Wide. Thus you can see that there could be five faces in this one type family. Then if there is a Light Face, a Bold Face and an Italic in all the faces already mentioned you can readily see that a family of type could run into 20 or more different varieties in any single size.

These faces if cut in eight or ten different sizes all the way from a six point to a seventy-two point letter would make a very large family.

Type II in the Ionic PAID would perhaps best be called a Condensed Bold Face Type, of about 30 point size, although the face measures about 24 points. The overall measurement is 8 to 8 1/2 x 23mm. The letters are spaced wide apart.

Like in Type I of the Ionics, I have found but one single off cover and one on cover, in the past five years. This should be proof of its rarity.

Both copies I have are in black.

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE.

Type II:—NORTH SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS.

THE IONIC PAID — TYPE III

**PAID**

IONIC - TYPE III

The Ionic Type III is quite distinctive and easy to identify. It measures about 8 x 20mm.

The type face is quite similar to Type II, but the letters are not a Condensed letter as in Type II, but a letter of normal width. Also in this Type III the letters are closer together than in Type II.

Thus far, this Type III appears to be one of the rarest of the

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KNOWN TOWNS OF USE.

Type III:—No known Towns of use.

THE IONIC PAID — TYPE IV

**PAID**

IONIC - TYPE IV

This is a very distinctive type. It must be classed with the Ionic Family for the serifs on the letters are square at their extremities and not pointed as in the Roman. Measurements, roughly 7 x 21mm.

This must be quite rare as I have seen but one single copy, off cover, a beautifully struck example with just the lower tip of the P running off of the stamp. Known in black only.

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE.

Type IV:—None.

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KENYA-UGANDA. In 1954 this colony released the Pound stamp No. 75 in a new 12½ perforation. The demand was so large that stocks were soon exhausted and was scarce until further supplies arrived. It now appears that this perforation variety is in ample supply, even if it had a short life, being superseded by the Elizabeth stamp.

There is a difference of opinion among the catalogues, as Scott prices the 12½ perforated stamp lower than the stamp perforated 14 issued in 1941. Gibbons prices the 14 perforation lower than the 12½. Here is the comparison.

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CANADA has announced that at least seven new design stamps will be issued in 1955. These will include a 10c, two new wild life, two portraying Prime Ministers, and a special commemorating the first international Boy Scout Jamboree to be held in Canada.

GEORGE VI. In 1949 an entire Chatter in Linn's was devoted to showing the advantages of collecting the stamps of King George VI. It mentioned that this group comprised as beautiful a lot of stamps as were ever issued, and they were the finest philatelic investment. Time has justified all predictions, although for a time it appeared that there would be a decline in the popularity of George VI stamps and many predicted that 1954 would show a decline in interest which did not occur.

As 1955 starts, there are probably more collectors than ever before, and it appears that most of these were attracted by the new Elizabeth series which are popular. Many are now concentrating on British Empire, and the George VI stamps increased in popularity. In the past there was a lot



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## We Are Thankful

First we thank God for the bountiful year through which we have just passed. We then thank our loyal subscribers who have rallied to our support in such numbers that we have in the year just passed, amassed the largest number of readers, thus the greatest circulation that any stamp collectors publication in the whole world, has ever enjoyed. Loyal and satisfied subscribers and readers are the greatest asset any publication can have.



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1954 is the year in which we reached our peak circulation. The largest circulation that any stamp collectors paper has ever enjoyed. 1954 has been our biggest year in the volume of classified advertising. More than any other publication ever carried.

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For these things we are thankful. Thankful to God, to our subscribers and to our advertising patrons. We can not help but believe that the policy we follow in the production of our paper has met the approval of more collectors than any other similar publication has enjoyed.

Our policy is very flexible. We attempt to keep in touch with the mind and the thought of the collectors of today. We aim to print matter that will please them. We are not set in our ways, our moods can change with the current mood of the greatest number of collectors. Through friendly chat via our editorial columns and by personal letters we try to keep a finger on the pulse of the stamp collecting world. We find that stamp collectors are very human, very much like our close friends and neighbors.

All of us must help look after the beginner, the new collector, the inexperienced, to teach him and guide him along the true path of Philately which first of all is based on honesty and love of our fellow man.

With these thoughts we enter this year of 1955, confident that it too will be a year of which we can be proud. Our wish to you who read these lines is that our relations may be as pleasant this year as they were last year, that you too may reap the full measure of success and happiness in 1955.

## Cataloguers Are Responsible

During the past few months while we have been discussing the flood of labels that have come into the market and are sold as stamps, we have had a wide range of letters calling attention to a lot of other alleged stamps that prey on collectors. As with the labels, we believe that the pushing of these things can be blamed mostly on the stamp dealers who seek an easy buck as the saying goes.

Although it is the dealers who sell such material, we are of the opinion that the market for this is created mostly by the publishers of the various catalogues who recognize it and list it as issued.

If matters are to continue, the stamp catalogues of the world in the future are very apt to become like the precancel catalog of old. In the old days every time a new stamp was precanceled, the hungry fellows went right out and induced postmasters to do it upside down, sideways, double and in every other form they could think of. As a result every new stamp that appeared was multiplied several fold by different positions of the overprint. Many years ago we pointed out that such a practice if continued would multiply the possible varieties so fast that it would choke the annual precancel catalog to death. This is just what happened. A complete list as they were formerly compiled would run into a few hundred thousand different and there are not enough collectors who would pay for a catalog to make the production possible.

In the same manner, if practiced by all countries you could soon deal such a blow to stamp collecting that the production of a catalog would become a gigantic task. Even now, the Scott catalog which was sold for \$2.50 or less a few years ago is now a two volume book at \$7.00. It will go higher as the years go on.

What we are referring to is the production and distribution of imperf copies of the new stamps as they appear. Many European countries now supply imperfs of each issue. Hungary and other Iron Curtain countries are doing this. It will only be a matter of time if this practice is continued until they will also be offering part perf stamps. You will be able to get them perf vertically or perf horizontally. That with the imperfs means four varieties of each stamp as issued. In two color work they will perhaps offer inverts also and that will further multiply the truck.

Probably one of the first and nastiest examples of this plan was our own so called Farley issue. We have been told that Jim Farley's liberality in giving out a few sheets of these stamps in the first place cost him several thousand dollars. Whether this is so we do not know but can vision how it might be.

The trouble here was that Scott, immediately recognized these sample sheets as stamps and so listed them. Had Scott had the foresight to call them what they were, either Proofs, Press Proofs or Unfinished Stamps, the damage could have been avoided for not one collector in 1000 collects proofs and there would have been no hue and cry for a set.

The last Gibbons Catalog we saw which listed these issues did not recognize them as Scott does. Whether this is still their custom I do not know as I do not have a late Gibbons.

The cataloguers should adopt a plan whereby they will list as stamps only legitimate errors which are found in post offices and sold over the counter. Underhand stuff that is slipped out the back door of the printing plants have no valid claim as postage stamps for they are unfinished and not legitimately issued.

Nothing would benefit the hobby more than to have a reputable board to pass judgment on the production and distribution of material of this nature.

## SMILEATELICS Bob Rieker



"You say you shot your husband because he paid more attention to his stamp collection than he did to you — how long had his eyesight been failing?"

## SPA Handbook No. 6 About Davis Stamps

THE JEFFERSON DAVIS POSTAGE STAMP ISSUES OF THE CONFEDERACY, by George N. Malpass, 24 pages, heavy cover, illustrated, S.P.A. Handbook #6, published by the Society of Philatelic Americans (S. G. Rich, Sales Agent, P. O. Box B, Verona, New Jersey), price 35c postpaid.

Mr. Malpass, the author, of St. Petersburg, Fla., long and favorably known as an able student of Confederate States stamps, has here assembled into one convenient treatment the information which hitherto was accessible only from various sources. He has further added his own information on many of the more interesting points on these stamps.

Printing procedures in detail are discussed liberally to explain the varieties. Illustrations are plentiful, largely of covers showing varied interesting usages. A seven-page biography of Davis makes an interesting and informative introduction.

This handbook has been developed with particular effort to cover two needs. Accuracy of information has been a prime purpose, well attained. Provision of the information that collectors most often have sought in vain, which is not readily accessible elsewhere, has been quite equally kept in mind.

Omitting the few stamps of the Southern Confederacy which had pictures of persons other than President Davis, he has given us a comprehensive treatment of the remaining, more interesting ones. As only five stamps, three of them comparatively rare, are thus not covered, the new handbook serves as a guide for almost all the Confederate stamps, which the great run of collectors will have occasion to consider.

(Mr. Rich informs us that remittances in low denomination postage, preferably 3 cent commemoratives, are acceptable).

## German, Israel Seals Contrasts In Looks

Christmas seals of Germany and Israel are shown herewith through the courtesy of the G & E Stamp Co., Springfield, Mass. The latter is probably the ugliest produced anywhere in the world in 1954.



It consists of a flower with a red center superimposed on a dimly defined leaf. The black background and the dark red of the rest of the design, plus poor workmanship leave much to be desired. Germany's seal pictures a golden bell, the Cross of Lorraine, a gray blue background, and the word "WEIHNACHTEN".

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May 11—UNESCO commem.  
Oct. 24—UN Day commem.  
Dec. 9—Human Rights commem.

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## Reference Book Deals With Doctors

Persons whom you never suspected of being doctors, or contributors to the field of medicine, are pictured and sketched biographically in a new topical reference book just released, titled "Doctors Philatelic". The pictures, of course, appear on postage stamps of the world.

Author is Oscar Gottfried who is also the publisher of "New York Physician" a journal which has a wide distribution among the men of medicine in the East. He was well aware of the great number of doctors who got much of their relaxation through stamp collecting, especially the filling of albums with stamps pertaining to their profession.

So, in each edition since 1939, he included a stamp, or two along with a condensed story of the subject's life. These and additional biographies are included in the present 96 page book. This production is in no sense a checklist for in no part of it is to be found catalog numbers. Users can provide their own, for the stamps are individually pictured and easily identified. It does provide the material which the Medical Subject collector would dig out on his own to concoct a write-up. Over 280 doctors are included beginning with the ancient Egyptian Imhotep. Selling price is \$5 from the American Physician, Inc., 1440 Broadway, New York 18, N. Y.

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BY CARL P. RUETH

James B. Hatcher of Scott Publications, Inc., publishers of the Scott Stamp Catalogues, provides the answer to a question a number of readers have asked. They want to know whether there will be a separate number for the new gauge \$1 Presidential issued last August 31.

Mr. Hatcher states that the catalog number of this item will be No. 832c, and that it is to be described as "Rotary press printed in white paper with smooth, colorless gum."

In case some of you want to know the earmarks of a used copy when the gum has been removed, about all I can tell you is that the purple of the frame has a lot more blue in it than the flat press print.

1. A commem of the past 30 years pictures La Fortaleza Castle, Which?

2. Whose portrait graces the 11c denomination of the Presidential series?

William R. McLoud of the House of Farnam, producers of steel die engraved first day covers, is quite pleased with the unlooked for break which his firm was given in the New Postal Manual. In describing a first day cover, the Post Office Department selected one of the House of Farnam's to illustrate their comments.

Located in Cleveland, it was one of the pioneer companies to engage in the sale and servicing of FDC's — in fact, it is claimed that Farnam covers were the first to have the cachets from steel engravings.

Those of you looking for a field of U. S. collecting not pursued heavily, might read the following enthusiastic comments by Harold B. Billian of Bala Cynwyd, Pa. He writes—

"With some exceptions, it would seem that most collectors in their searches for a field of special interest have overlooked the exceedingly real prospects offered by the small group of stamps, covers and related material of the Special Delivery Service. The United States can be a pleasant project full of pleasant findings. Add the foreign material and one has a real area. Both groups are relatively free of philatelic horseplay and offer a challenge."

"Thinking only of U. S. items one can find some possibilities in the plate numbers. As an example, the use of similar plates for Scott Nos. E2, E3, E4, E5 and E8 to E12. In the last group are four numbers which can be located in E8, E9, E10 and E11. Several others are found on at least three of the stamps."

"While plate errors are limited, they do crop up and seemingly aren't too difficult to obtain. Of greatest interest in the field are the covers which the followers of Postal History and Postal Markings will find have wonderful possibilities. Actually because of the use of multiple pieces when the S. D. stamps were not available, there is no telling what might show up on such covers."

"Coin collectors will be particularly impressed. Odd value collectors too will have a real source of good material."

"For diversification one can add the CE's (Airmail Special Deliveries) to the E numbers. It won't be long before the collector discovers that the Scott Nos. C2 and C3 actually were our first airmail special delivery stamps."

"The possibilities in the realm of covers are so great that at times it seems that the stamps are unimportant. Try getting covers with the early stamps showing proper use in the first few months of their existence. They aren't too difficult to locate, but it does take a lot of time tracking them down. Try to find the explanation for U. S. Special Delivery stamps on Canadian, Cuban or other foreign covers."

"Perhaps it sounds as if I'm waving the flag a bit strongly, but in a sense Special Delivery stamps are really American. While Belgium can correctly lay claim to offering the service first,

## SPECIAL EDITIONS

Various dealers will want to time some of their advertising to appear in conjunction with the special editions of Linn's Weekly Stamp News sponsored by different specialist groups. These editions are always the last one of each month and contain a splendid amount of information about the particular country or specialty.

The next four editions of a special nature are as follows:—

January 31—Highway Post Office Society.

February 28—Perkins Club.

March 28—AMERPO

April 25—COROS, Collectors of Religion on Stamps Society.

Further inquiries can be directed to this paper by interested dealers.

Clubs or societies agreeable to sponsoring a special edition can get the details on request.

it was our Post Office Department which issued the first Special Delivery stamps. I've a hunch that in reality the offering of the service was the Post Office Department's coup de grace for the private carriers.

"Examination of Scott's soon reveals that even today the countries which have issued or still are using them are a definite minority. Many countries including a lot of the largest offer Special Delivery as Express Service. A collection of the stamps offers an interesting project, well within the means of the average collector. Getting covers from the countries offering the service, but not offering the stamps, can also be a tempting activity."

**THANKS FOR THE COVERS**

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Now that the holiday season is over the votes in the **Seventh Annual Design Derby** are beginning to come in in an ever increasing flow. Those of you who have put off your ballot-marking should get on the ball at once and send your thinking on the stamp designs.

## 7th ANNUAL DESIGN DERBY

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persons.

I note that the Derby is being weakly copied by another publication which never was noted for originality. It has been said by someone that imitation is a pretty good form of flattery.

This same paper never once, either, raised its printed voice in protest against the labels which Linn's, among the philatelic publications, has fought single-handedly in the United States.

1. The Puerto Rico commem of 1937.

2. James K. Polk



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## New Bureaus

As listed by George Klein new issue Bureau dealer. Phoenix, Ariz. 2c sheet stamps. Waterloo, Iowa, 1/2c coil stamp, and Dayton, Ohio 3c Liberty series. Chicago has also released the 3c Liberty series Bureau with the Kansas City item there now are three varieties in the new series all 3c values.

## New Issue Coil

The first City Type Coil in the new series that has come to our desk is a 3c value from Charles City, Iowa. This was submitted by my friend W. F. Tresmer of Eldora, Iowa. Charles City has always used a lot of coils for some reason or other and never seemed to have such a good way to precancel them.

Mr. Tresmer also showed me some 4c rexie coils. The type looks like U-121 wide and if so some one must take a lot of time making these precancels as most of them are pretty readable.

## Other New Items

From Ohio the 1c and 2c from Cortland, and the 1c and 2c from Fostoria. A 2c from Houlton, Maine, a 2c from Simsbury, Conn. and a 1c from Alburg, Vermont. From California a 1c from Hawthorne, a 1c from Redwood City. From New Mexico a 1c from Saint Vrain and a 2c from Socorro. This last item used on the Golden Gate Bulletin.

## Handstamp Dateds

Most of the activity in Dateds is in the printed types but there is a sane and sensible way to collect the Handstamps also. There are many of them which are hardly readable. So collect only the readable ones and then only one stamp from a user. There are plenty of users to make a nice collection and if you try to tie up the users full firm name with the INITIALS on the stamps you will have a job there also plus a lot of fun.

## Nine Flowers From Italian Somaliland

According to Vittorio Lo Bianco Inc. of New York City, Italian Somaliland gave a late December release to a series of nine depicting "Flowers of Somaliland" in natural colors.

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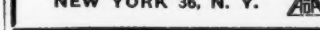
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### Harmers Will Auction Waterhouse U. S.

One of the most important collections of United States, outside of the United States, owned by Sir Nicholas Waterhouse, will be sold by the London House of the H. R. Harmer organization in the week commencing June 27, 1955.

Sir Nicholas Waterhouse, Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, a partner in the international firm of accountants, Price, Waterhouse & Co., has collected United States stamps since the beginning of the century. A leading overseas authority, he was the author of an interesting handbook on 19th Century issues published in 1916.

Arrangements are being made for the collection to be flown to New York for exhibition at the offices of H. R. Harmer, Inc. and provisionally May 4 to 7 have been scheduled for this New York "viewing".

The illustrated auction catalogue will be distributed free to subscribers to London catalogues. To others the cost, including list of prices realized, is \$1 post free. Early application to H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32 E. 57th St., New York 22, N. Y. is suggested.

### Boggs Study Deals With Perforators

Since its first appearance in the March and May 1954 editions of the Collectors Club Philatelist, Winthrop S. Boggs's fine study, "Early American Perforating Machines and Perforations, 1857-1867" has been supplemented with further information. This has come as the result of continued investigations by Mr. Boggs, and help from his brother philatelists.

Now in 33-page brochure form, it is available from the Philatelic Foundation, 22 E. 35th St., New York 16, N. Y. The selling price was not given.

The really nice part of the Boggs presentation is that while originally printed in what the average stamp collector considers the "high brow" level of the hobby, the reading and the excellent illustrations are such that they will make the average collector much more of an experienced hobbyist through its reading.

There is nothing snooty about this study. It is easily read, and made easy to comprehend via sharp photographs. Any collector past the beginner stage will learn considerable.

### Install Glen Ellyn Officers January 24

George Kiehl was elected president of the Glen Ellyn, Ill. Philatelic Club recently when the group combined an interesting philatelic evening with the naming of a new official facility.

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M. Robert Barnett, executive director of the American Foundation for the Blind, and himself adept in the use of braille, points out that only 20 per cent of the 260,000 blind persons in the United States know braille, while the ratio of braille literacy in the numerous overseas areas receiving service from the American Foundation for Overseas Blind is much lower.

The famous Helen Keller, deaf-blind counselor to the foundations, an outstanding user of braille, once wrote: If Braille had not lived and spent the greater part of his life laboring zealously to lighten the burden of blindness such a means of communication might never have existed. Braille is the key to books in many languages. The Bible has been transcribed into braille, likewise the Koran.

### Israel-Palestine Auction At Albany

The Society of Israel Philatelists, Hudson-Mohawk Chapter No. 1 will hold an auction of stamps and associated philatelic items on January 19. It will be held at the Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Avenue, Albany, N. Y. at 8 p.m. For further information contact the secretary, Leon Cheris, 28 Clayton Place, Albany, N. Y.

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The official family for the most part are all former officers of the Russian Imperial Army who fled the nation with the advent of the Communist government. Editor of the society's Journal is Dr. Gregory B. Salisbury, Chatham Courts Apt., 49th & Locusts Sts., Philadelphia 39, Pa.

Now in the hands of members is the No. 44 edition of the Journal. It is in English, produced by a duplicating process—the next it is planned to print by regular letterpress. The text is also reproduced in French and Russian for members knowing only those languages.

Some very important articles on early Russian stamps and postal matters are to be found in this edition, together with some biographical material, and lists of philatelic literature relating to the specialty.

### Show At Dearborn In Late January

The annual exhibition and bourse of the Dearborn, Mich. Stamp Club will be held January 29 and 30 in the Miller High School. Displays are submitted by collectors of the immediate area.

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The view on the stamp is of Mount Le Conte.

*H. M. Brehm*

### EDITOR'S NOTE

With this presentation of the sketch of Great Smoky Mountain National Park, there comes an end to one of the most popular features ever printed by Linn's Weekly Stamp News. This last of "Our Famous National Parks" is the final piece ever written by H. M. Brehm, their author.

That he sensed the seriousness of his illness is evidenced in the letter which accompanied the ten National Parks, to editor Carl P. Rueth. Dated April 12, 1954, he wrote, "I have been sicker than at

any time before in my life, in fact, I have been seldom out of bed more than an hour or so a day.

"So Barb (daughter Barbara) and I put our heads together and decided to spend every moment available to get these last ten National Parks thumbnails together so that you and Linn's Weekly readers would not suffer in case something happened to me suddenly. We did these ten, one at a time, day by day, and finally cleaned them up... and let out a deep sigh."

Mr. Brehm died on April 25. His original thumbnail sketches began in March of 1951 with "Our Famous Americans". Covered were all the personages of the Famous Americans, Presidential and commemorative stamps. Came then "Our Famous United States", after which, "Our Famous National Parks", just concluded.

## 1954 Supplements For Minkus Albums

Supplementary pages for stamps issued in 1954 have been announced as ready for several of the popular albums of Minkus Publications, Inc.

There is one for the All American for regular postage, the American for regulars, commemoratives and plate number blocks, four in all.

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The new season has started with a bang and hundreds of clubs are meeting after a summer break and, as always, everyone is highly enthusiastic. Generally, the enthusiasm dies down by Christmas and, by Easter, there isn't much left. The basic reason is the way in which meetings are conducted. The average collector comes to a stamp meeting to swap stamps and to buy a few — he doesn't give a whoop for a talk on any subject by no matter who it may be, and he certainly doesn't want to be bored stiff by a 2-hour showing of a highly-specialized collection of Gaphoonist stamps, replete with flyspecks, even if it does include the only known cover bearing a 2 oboe puce of the 3rd printing from plate 6 showing the Emperor with a defective Adam's Apple and bearing a purple-brown triangular cancellation from handstamp 12 in the 4th (carefully repaired) state.

Here's a routine the average collector enjoys—a prompt start at 7:30 with door prizes, big tables ready to sprawl albums out on, a business meeting not lasting over 5 minutes, and a couple of kilo boxes with seals formally broken by the president in the presence of all, the contents available at 1c each. Meetings like that keep them coming back again and again, bringing their friends with them, and the sessions are both well-attended and lively.

Then too, the new season will see the unusual quota of so-called "Exhibitions." Actually they are pretty dismal affairs 9 times out of 10. Nobody thinks of the matter until a couple of months ahead, the society follows the short-sighted rule of accepting exhibits only from members with the result that the same stuff is shown year after year with nobody getting any new ideas from the outside.

Then, too, the selection of judges is usually left until the last minute. And, all too often, the time for opening a show has actually arrived before it is discovered that the frames are in storage in another town 40 miles away. The trouble is, that entirely inexperienced hands step in year after year and there's no profiting from past experience because of this.

A show is a mighty serious piece of business and takes a full year of careful planning to amount to anything. In a well-regulated organization, a committee for next year's show is formed the last day of the current one, and a majority of the members of the coming year's committee carry over from the present one. Frames are carefully inspected and repaired before storing where damage has occurred, as is almost always the case.

The matter of judges is likewise given careful consideration. Don't, for Heaven's sake, invite philatelic personalities without agreeing to underwrite expenses. One prominent figure in the stamp world was asked last year to judge at some 50 shows. Had he accepted these invitations, he would have been out of pocket a full \$2500. As a matter of fact, only two organizations promised expenses and both secured his services.

It's mighty cheap to ask a person to donate his expert knowledge and time and then expect him to

foot his own fare, hotel bills and restaurant checks. Yet club after club assumes that some national society officer or stamp columnist will not only welcome the opportunity to judge the annual Dogpatch Show when he has his own work to do but will thrill at the prospect of laying out \$50 or \$100 cash for the rare opportunity to do so.

Experienced exhibition committees select their judges with care, months before the event, and pay expenses as a matter of course. Then, when the show is over, letters of appreciation to exhibitors and judges are in order, but I'll warrant that not one secretary out of fifty bothers to write them.

Incidentally, exhibits received from outside should be given even greater care than you give your own material, should be fully insured while in your charge and should be expertly packed and immediately returned at the close of the show. I have seen stupid committee members mount pages in wrong order despite explicit instructions accompanying them, smear them up in handling, and pack them so poorly in returning that the unhappy owner almost had nervous prostration upon getting his material back and swore off displays for life.

Unless a show is in the hands of an experienced group, working for a whole year in advance, it's almost always a half-baked affair. In fact, not one stamp show in ten is worth crossing the street to see because of the lack of planning and the inattention to detail it mirrors. And certainly the blind policy of keeping out outside exhibits makes many of them a bad joke.

J. P. Bailey of Kampar, Perak, Malaya offers interesting material at wholesale such, for example, as Australian Dead Letter Office covers at 3 sh.6d. per dozen and North Borneo Postage Due covers at 5 shillings 6 pence the 12.

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to Copenhagen. The two shown herewith were from Copenhagen  
to SDR. Stromfjord, Greenland (top) which also has the SDR.  
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design of blue geese.

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year's duck stamp is chosen by  
a judging committee of water-  
fowl authorities from among en-  
tries submitted by artists from  
every part of the country. Prior  
to 1949, however, outstanding  
wildlife artists were invited to  
submit entries and the selection  
was made from this limited group.  
In that year the limitations were  
lifted and a public contest was  
decided upon in order to give  
an opportunity for all wildlife  
artists to compete in the future.

Jay N. (Ding) Darling, famous  
cartoonist and noted conserva-  
tionist, then head of the former  
Bureau of Biological Survey (one  
of the predecessor agencies of  
the present Fish and Wildlife  
Service) fittingly designed the  
first of the annual series of mi-  
gratory waterfowl hunting  
stamps issued by the Federal  
Government. This first stamp  
went on sale on August 14, 1934,  
and expired on June 30, 1935.  
The quantity sold of that issue  
amounted to 625,001 stamps.

Succeeding duck stamp artists  
were: Frank W. Benson, 1935-36;  
Richard E. Bishop, 1936-37; J. D.  
Knap, 1937-38; Roland Clark,  
1938-39; Lynn Bogue Hunt, 1939-  
40; Francis L. Jacques, 1940-41;  
E. R. Kalmbach, 1941-42; A. Las-  
sell Ripley, 1942-43; Walter E.  
Bohl, 1943-44; Walter A. Weber,  
1944-45 and 1950-51; Owen J.  
Gromme, 1945-46; Robert W.



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**CANAL ZONE - A 3c purple**  
is to be issued some time early  
in 1955 commemorating the 100th  
anniversary of the Panama Rail-  
road across the isthmus. An early  
type of locomotive will be in-  
corporated in the design.

**COLOMBIA - On December 6**  
a new definitive set of stamps  
was issued comprising four regu-  
lar postage and four airmail val-  
ues. Postage values and designs  
are: 5c, The Virgin 'La Borda-  
ita'; 10c, Fray Cristobal de Tor-  
res, who founded the college of  
Our Lady of Rosary; 15c, interior  
of the Church; and 20c, Rosary  
Church. Airmail values are the  
same designs as the postage. Val-  
ues are: 15c, 20c, 25c and 50c.

**CURACAO - A 7 1/2c olive green**  
stamp was issued on December  
15 in commemoration of the sta-  
tute for the Kingdom of the  
Netherlands by Queen Juliana  
and will remain on sale until  
January 14, or until stocks are  
exhausted, if sooner.

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA - Three**  
stamps were issued honoring an-  
niversaries of poets. They were  
issued on November 25, and honor  
Jan Neruda, born July 10, 1834,  
30h blue stamp; 60h red pic-  
tures Janko Jesensky, born De-  
cember 30, 1874; and the 1.60Kcs.  
gray, honors Wolker Jiri, who  
died January 1, 1924. On Novem-  
ber 22 four new postage due val-  
ues were issued. Values and col-  
ors are: 30h green, 95h green, 1  
Kcs. violet, and 1.50Kcs. violet.

**EGYPT - As forecast some**  
months ago, this country has is-  
sued a set of stamps marking  
the Evacuation of the Suez by  
the British. The set consists of  
two stamps, a 10m red violet  
and green the design of which  
spotlights the Canal and the  
green and white flag of Egypt  
flying above Ismailia. A 35m  
pink, green, red and black shows  
two soldiers framing the map of  
Eastern Egypt, meant to show  
the soldier guarding his own  
country and a bugler sounding a  
call over the calm waters of the  
canal.

**MONACO - The Ministry of**  
Posts advises that a four value  
set of stamps is to be issued on  
January 14 honoring Dr. Albert  
Schweitzer. Values and colors are  
2 francs gray and green, pictur-  
ing natives and native ships; 5fr  
green, a portrait of Schweitzer;  
15fr reddish-brown, his hospital  
at Lamborene; and a 200fr air-  
mail shows a jungle view with  
an inset of Dr. Schweitzer.

Four airmail values are to be  
issued replacing the 1946 series.  
Pictured will be different birds.  
Values are: 100 francs gray and  
blue, picturing the Stornes; 200fr  
gray and ultramarine, Mouettes;  
500fr blue-gray and green, Alba-  
tross; and 1,000fr blue and green,  
Cormorants.

**SURINAME - Recently issued**  
was a seven value set with four  
of the values picturing fish and  
birds native to the country. A  
2 1/2c green, pictures a fisherman  
working his net; 5c blue-gray,  
construction work; 6c blue, a raft;  
12 1/2c blue, fish; 15c red, bird;  
17 1/2c red-brown, armadillo; and  
25c green, a tree lizard.

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More comprehensive than ever in the stock which it covers is the 1955 Annual Price List of Used Airmail Stamps of the World produced by George Herzog, Inc., 68 Nassau St., New York 38, N. Y. It is sent for 50c which sum is refundable on the first order amounting to \$5 or more. The Herzog firm claims its stock of used airmails as the largest in America.

William Wonneberger, Jr., 67 Jefferson St., Stratford, Conn. advises that his firm has a rather fine stock at the moment of eye-catching Vatican maximum cards. The Wonneberger stock is limited exclusively to Vatican issues, postal stationery, covers and the like, collectors being able thereby to get specialized service for this popular nation.

An overwhelming demand for the blank or imprinted price lists of the Minkus Publications Line, on the part of the trade, exhausted the stock of these items. A new lot will be ready for spring mailings, Minkus Publications, 116 W. 32nd St., New York 1, N. Y. advise, and dealers who want to get their orders in on the new batch should write at once.

Kenneth M. Thompson, 5426 W. Walton St., Chicago 51, Ill. has a new 1955 Price List of United States stamps for Linn's readers. Offerings are for mint and used in two grades of condition in singles, blocks, plate blocks and mint sheets. It will be sent for 25c which sum is refundable on first order amounting to \$2 or more. There are many illustrations.

Otto M. A. Bacher, managing director of the Westminster Stamp Co., Regency House, Warwick St., London, England, a Linn's advertiser, will use his expert knowledge of U. S. in helping H. R. Harmer Ltd. of London prepare the fabulous Waterhouse collection of United States stamps for auction on June 27. Mr. Bacher

has long been familiar with the collection.

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### DEALER

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is now printing a set of reference books which will outline in great detail how to tell the Sperati reproductions and it is through the sale of these books that the money used to put Sperati out of business is hoped will be recouped. The B.P.A. will be lucky to break even on the whole transaction.

(III) These books have been made available only to B.P.A. members. Included in each will be some actual samples of the Sperati reproductions, but each set of books will have only a few of these and in total less than 10% of the several hundred that were produced by Sperati as each purchaser had the privilege of choosing only one or two groups of countries from which the reproductions included in his book could come.

All of these reproductions will be indelibly marked on the back for what they are which of course is definitely not the case on those currently in philatelic channels previously produced by Sperati. If anyone can figure out a way to remove this marking on the back, they can go a long way towards removing regular cancellations from early U. S. stamps which to the best of my knowledge, other than pen cancels, no one has as yet found a way to do.

It should therefore be apparent a small number of reproductions will be included in each book

and that it is impossible that there will be any "flood" of these items going into philatelic channels even if a few buyers of these books did have ulterior motives which I certainly doubt is the case. These reproductions will be an integral part of the book and to sell them separately would to a great extent destroy the value of the book.

Also, the B.P.A. is not producing one single stamp themselves but rather are selling those reproductions already made by Sperati. Reports indicating that they have been printing these items are completely erroneous and not based on fact.

(IV) It has been suggested that all of these reproductions should have been destroyed, but apparently those who proposed this fact are unaware of the extremely high quality of the Sperati reproductions which makes it necessary that anyone who desires to tell them from the genuine must have a reference collection available for checking and comparison if he is to detect the Speratis which are already in circulation. Without this reference work, it would be practically impossible to detect and remove from circulation the great many of Speratis that are now in philatelic channels.

The publication and use of this book will reduce the supply of these items rather than increasing them as some writers would imply.

(V) There have been no flood of resignations from the B.P.A. in England as a result of their action. Rather, only two organizations have resigned and I understand that one of these resigned primarily because of their opposition to a public exhibition which was held several months back. There have been many more people join the B.P.A. to evidence their support of this action, one of those being yours truly.

In view of the above facts, it appears to me that we should be congratulating the B.P.A. on their philatelic statesmanship and be thankful that they had the courage to put Sperati out of business, rather than irresponsibly condemning them as has been the situation up to now.

EDITORS NOTE:—Mr. Molesworth seems unaware of the fact that most of what has been published over here has been taken from British publications and other sources which seem not to have been authentic and that original plans for the handling of this material seem to have been greatly altered from what was first announced.

### JORDAN

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slightly solid square of color. In the second place, the Arabic date was in the smallest type of the entire stamp, measuring less than 1mm in height. Such a minute overprint was scarcely feasible.

But the good Jesuit padres' pressmen did their utmost. The Jordanian kingdom, possessing the whole of the ancient Holy City of Jerusalem within its medieval walls, enjoys excellent relations with the Vatican, and the Church was anxious to please.

The work was performed, but the results pleased no one and the entire stock had to be burned. As in the case of the ill-fated King Talal stamps, a few copies escaped incineration. These were so few, however, that not even the extremely limited stocks of the former which reached dealers' hands could be duplicated this time, and a "head-count" of the surviving copies cannot be made.

The writer knew of only one copy, in Amman, but on application to the owner for permission to photograph it for this article, he was informed that it had subsequently been sold, like the 1c British Guiana, to a collector who preferred to remain anonymous, and there the matter rests today.

Orders were sent later in the month to London not only to re-engrave all values with the correct date but also to conform to

the royal decree of 23 May by which the word "the" was to be dropped from in front of "Jordan" in the official English designation of the country.

As reengraved, Hussein's enthronement commemoratives arrived belatedly and were placed on sale during the month of October 1953, in the following denominations and colors:

1 fil dark green and black. 4 fils lake and black; 15 fils dark blue and black; 20 fils dark purple and black; 50 fils green and black; and 100 fils indigo and black.

But the ghost of the ill-fated "17 Sha'aban" stamps had not yet been laid. Foreign critics began to snipe, this time at the English wording of the commemorative inscription. At least one article (in Scott's Monthly Journal of April, 1954) under the title "Ascension in Jordan" poked fun at the term "Ascension" by insinuating that it was almost blasphemous for the Jordanian ruler's enthronement to be termed an ascension. This particularly in view of the inclusion of the Holy City, from which Christ ascended to heaven, within the kingdom. The article alleged that a plane carrying the stamps had crashed and burned (rather than that they had been officially burned following failure of the Beirut experiment) and that certain Jordanian officials were "red faced" about the misuse of the word ascension on the enthronement commemoratives.

It makes a pretty story, but in defense of the "Ascension" phantoms and of fact versus fantasy, it must be said that "ascension" was practically the only word except "enthronement" which could have been used in the English inscription.

Arab kings are not crowned as are their European counterparts (although the Imam of Yemen assumes, and wears daily thereafter, the tasseled "imama" turban as the visible symbol of his spiritual and temporal sovereignty) when he succeeds to the throne) and therefore the term "coronation" is virtually out of the question.

"Accession" is inadequate, as Arab kings accede to the throne on the death or abdication of their predecessor, without special enthronement ceremonies.

They actually ascend the throne and assume full ruling powers in a special ceremony called; literally, in Arabic, "ascension", except in Yemen, where the word "throne" is used and the ceremony is called an enthronement.

Furthermore, had not the Jesuit fathers of Beirut, who could hardly have less interest than any lay person in any misuse of the term—which refers, in its ecclesiastical sense, to the Ascension of Christ—seen the proposed inscription to the reengraving or-

der? A word from them or from any of King Hussein's many Arab Christian subjects would have been given due consideration when the supplementary orders to alter the inscription went to London.

And thus there pass into philatelic history both the phantom Ascension stamps of 17 Sha'aban and, let us hope, the fantasies which arose over the stamps reference to King Hussein's ascension to the throne of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

### CORRECTION NOTICE

In the December 27 issue the address as given on John W. Reynolds ad was incorrect. The Post office box was listed as 1196 and it should have been 1136. If your order has not been answered please write to Postmaster in Hartford 1, Conn., explaining this difference in the address so that your order will not go astray.

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Of this first issue, only the 7, 30, and 80 pruta are still available to dealers at the Israel Philatelic Agency in America, 116 W. 32nd St., New York 1, N. Y.

The second issue is photogravure, bi-colored, and contains the following denominations: 5, 10, 20, 40, 50, 75, 100, 250, 500, 1000, 2000 and 5000. This entire series is available at the agency.

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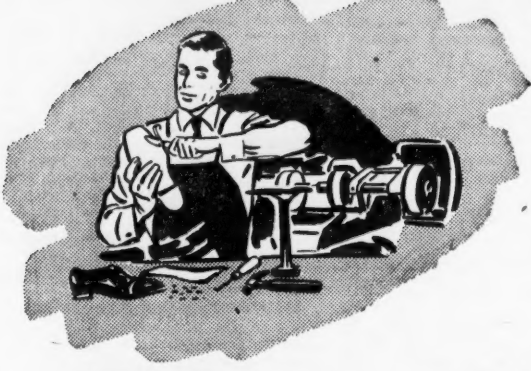
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1496 GREAT BRITAIN 249A, 250, 251A used 1939-42. The 1942 issue with the 1939 middle stamp. King George VI in his splendor. Cat. \$.85. OUR PRICE \$.30

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1488 NEW GUINEA 48-51 mint 1937. The last of the New Guinea postage issues. Cat. \$.95. OUR PRICE \$.38

1498 NEW ZEALAND B18-19 mint 1941. The famous health stamps featuring children playing ball. Cat. \$1.60. OUR PRICE \$.80

1163 NEW ZEALAND B20-21 mint 1942. The famous health stamps featuring children swinging in a swing. Cat. \$1.00. OUR PRICE \$.35

1164 NEW ZEALAND B26-27 used 1945. Peter Pan is very appropriate as the motif for this set of health stamps. Cat. \$.35. OUR PRICE \$.10

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1499 NOVA SCOTIA 11 mint (no gum) 1860-63. Queen Victoria is featured on this stamp. Nova Scotia does not issue any stamps now. Cat. \$.70. OUR PRICE \$.30

1404 NYASALAND 66-67 mint 1938. The two high values of the 1938 issue at a bargain. Cat. \$16.00. OUR PRICE \$3.75

1400 PAKISTAN 014-16 mint 1948. The famed Khyber Pass at your beck and call is only one of the interesting things shown on this complete set. Cat. \$11.65. OUR PRICE \$4.65

1501 PALESTINE 82-84 mint 1941. These are the high values of the last set issued under the British Mandate. Cat. \$13.50 and a real bargain at OUR PRICE \$3.20

1364 SARAWAK 159-73 mint 1947. The complete George Rex set of overprints. The overprint happens to be prettier than the stamp itself. Cat. \$6.02. OUR PRICE \$4.00

1502 SOUTHERN RHODESIA 65-66 used 1947. The 1947 Royal Visit issue. The Royal Family was pictured on these stamps. Cat. \$.20. OUR PRICE \$.05

1489 SOUTH WEST AFRICA 181-84 mint 1938. This is the Voortrekker issue of South Africa overprinted for use in South West Africa. Cat. \$1.70. OUR PRICE \$.90

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1492 TRANSJORDAN 113-21 mint 1924. This neighbor of Israel is only slightly older than Israel as it received its independence in 1946. Cat. \$4.10. OUR PRICE \$1.00

1493 TRANSJORDAN 199-283 mint 1941. Amir Abdullah bin Hussein must have been proud of himself as he plastered his face over this set. Cat. \$1.55. OUR PRICE \$.76

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1509 AUSTRIA 280-87 mint 1922-24. This is one of the longest sets ever issued by any country. 38 stamps in a rainbow of colors. Cat. \$2.79. OUR PRICE \$1.14

1576 AUSTRIA 288-95, 297-98 mint 1922-24. Art and Science in allegory are the design of this pretty set. Missing one value. Cat. \$2.28. OUR PRICE \$1.00

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1573 BELGIUM B305 mint 1941. Orval Abbey souvenir sheets both the perf and imperf variety in this set. Cat. \$1.40. OUR PRICE \$.60

1100 BELGIUM B317 mint 1941-2. These sheets were originally issued in 1941 but in 1942 they were perforated with Queen Elizabeth's monogram, numbered and her seal was rubber stamped on the back. A very unusual combination. Cat. \$1.00. OUR PRICE \$.35

1574 BELGIUM B332-41 mint 1942. Statues of St. Martin on horseback. Beautiful set. Cat. \$1.30. OUR PRICE \$.50

1233 BELGIUM B342-43 mint 1942. Two king sized stamps of St. Martin on horseback. Clones with item 1574 above. Cat. \$1.20. OUR PRICE \$.45

1575 BELGIUM B346-53 mint 1943. Old trades are very colorfully depicted on this set of stamps. Cat. \$1.29. OUR PRICE \$.40

1564 BRAZIL 628-32 used 1945. The United Nations victory in World War II is allegorically represented on this set. Cat. \$1.62. OUR PRICE \$.70

1450 BULGARIA 534-36 used 1946 "Republic" (Iron Country style) of Bulgaria. Cat. \$1.24. OUR PRICE \$.24

1451 BULGARIA RA16-18 mint 1941. Beautiful topical item showing children playing at the seashore. Cat. \$.58. OUR PRICE \$.24

1404 CHINA 593-98 mint 1943. A real flag topical. Printed in 3 colors these flags show the British, Chinese and American flags, etc. Cat. \$1.27. OUR PRICE \$.50

1453 CONGO (BELGIAN) 139-56 mint 1931-7. Woodoo, women, animals and what have you make this a very interesting set. Cat. \$5.09. OUR PRICE \$1.70

1417 CONGO (BELGIAN) 231-49 used 1947-8. Africans at its best is shown in this colorful set. Cat. \$3.47. OUR PRICE \$1.35

1454 CROATIA B30 mint 1943. The St. Mary's Church issue. A king sized stamp. Cat. \$.25. OUR PRICE \$.10

1324 CROATIA B40 mint 1943. This is the St. Mary's Church issue. A beautiful souvenir sheet. Cat. \$.50. OUR PRICE \$.18

1540 CUBA 299-300 used 1930. Did you have aspirations to be a hurdler? Well even if you can't be one you can have a hurdler in your collection. Cat. \$2.90. OUR PRICE \$1.45

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### WORLD WIDE

1541 CUBA 458-61 used 1951. The Betsy Ross of Cuba is in action on this set. Cat. \$.54. OUR PRICE \$.30

1455 CUBACAO 144-46 mint 1938. Queen Wilhelmina spent 40 years on the throne so that this set could be issued. Cat. \$1.05. OUR PRICE \$.42

1542 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 381-82 used 1942. Transportation by every way that is known plus maps, telegraph, lighthouses etc. Cat. \$.50. OUR PRICE \$.18

1544 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 026-29 used 1950. Columbus on this set of official stamps. Cat. \$1.45. OUR PRICE \$.60

1459 ESTONIA 138 mint 1936. Beautiful ship topical. Cat. \$.40. OUR PRICE \$.15

1458 ESTONIA 134-37 mint 1936. A religious topical. Pretty pictures of Church interiors and exteriors. Cat. \$1.25. OUR PRICE \$.50

1462 FIUME 196-207, E16-17 mint 1923. Italy's annexation of Fiume led to these stamps. Cat. \$1.96. OUR PRICE \$.65

1463 GERMANY B148-59 mint 1939-41. What topical do you collect? You can practically find it in this long set. Cat. \$4.70. OUR PRICE \$1.80

1243 GERMANY B189 mint 1941. Benito Mussolini and Adolf Hitler, partners in crime, are side by side celebrating the Rome-Berlin Axis. Cat. \$.60. OUR PRICE \$.20

1464 GERMANY B200-91 used 1941-5. The complete set of semi-postals issued by Germany under Hitler during the years of 1941-5. Missing only the last set that was on sale for 1/2 hour before the Allies overran Berlin. Cat. \$9.31. OUR PRICE \$.70

1466 GREECE 469-71 mint 1945. Roosevelt memorial set. Cat. \$.50. OUR PRICE \$.14

1467 GREECE 490-97 used 1947. A very pretty pictorial that fits into many topical groups. Cat. \$2.58. OUR PRICE \$.90

1468 HUNGARY 920-24 used 1950. Summer sports on display on this complete set. Cat. \$.80. OUR PRICE \$.34

1469 HUNGARY 974-78 used 1951. Flowers for your philatelic garden. Large size stamps in natural color. Cat. \$.67. OUR PRICE \$.23

1470 HUNGARY 1000-3 used 1952. The Olympic games in all its phases is shown on this set. Cat. \$.45. OUR PRICE \$.22

1471 HUNGARY 1019-24 used 1952. Famous Hungarians on parade. Cat. \$.61. OUR PRICE \$.25

1473 ITALY 549-67 used 1950. What type of manual labor are you interested in? It is most likely shown on this complete long set. Cat. \$.63. OUR PRICE \$.30

### JUGOSLAVIA

Below we are listing a number of sets of Yugoslavia. All at bargain prices and most in short supply. Please check your catalog for details. Order early as we can not guarantee to fill all orders.

Item Cat. Price  
1474 1-14 Mint 1921 ..... 3.68 1.80  
1475 15-21 Mint 1922 ..... 7.81 2.75  
1476 22-28 Mint 1923 ..... 8.10 3.50  
1477 29-35 Mint 1924 ..... 14.75 6.75  
1478 36-42 Mint 1925 ..... 5.10 5.00  
1479 43-49 Mint 1926 ..... 5.43 2.20  
1480 50-56 Mint 1927 ..... 1.02 .30  
1481 57-63 Mint 1928 ..... 1.25 .40  
1482 64-70 Mint 1929 ..... 1.10 .35  
1483 71-77 Mint 1930 ..... 1.48 .50  
1484 78-84 Mint 1931 ..... 1.70 .60  
1485 85-91 Mint 1932 ..... 1.90 .70  
1486 92-98 Mint 1933 ..... 1.90 .70  
1487 99-105 Mint 1934 ..... 4.95 1.60  
1488 106-112 Mint 1935 ..... 4.50 2.00  
1489 113-119 Mint 1936 ..... 1.50 .50  
1490 120-126 Mint 1937 ..... .75 .25  
1491 127-133 Mint 1938 ..... 1.45 .70  
1492 134-140 Mint 1939 ..... 1.00 .35  
1493 141-147 Mint 1940 ..... 1.20 .40

1483 LUXEMBOURG B85 mint 1937. A masterpiece of the engravers art is this beautiful sheet issued for the National Philatelic Exhibition. Cat. \$1.25. OUR PRICE \$.50

1485 NORWAY 70-73 mint 1911-8. King Haakon VII was quite good looking as this set shows. Cat. \$3.40. OUR PRICE \$1.15

1486 NORWAY 275-78 used 1946. King Haakon VII must have been angry when this picture was taken. Cat. \$.51. OUR PRICE \$.22

1505 NORWAY 279-89 used 1947. Famous Norwegians on display. Cat. \$.60. OUR PRICE \$.22

1506 NORWAY 304-6 used 1950. Oslo is a city that may be cold but it is very warm in friendship. The 900th anniversary of its founding is shown on these stamps. Cat. \$.29. OUR PRICE \$.13

1508 NORWAY 318-20 used 1951. Poetry scores a beat. This set was issued in honor of a poet. Cat. \$.40. OUR PRICE \$.16

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### RUSSIA

Below we list a number of complete mint and used sets of Russia. We suggest you see your catalog and rush your order in. All these sets are at our regular bargain prices.

Item Cat. Price  
1510 597-604 Used 1937 ..... 1.48 .60  
1511 836-37 Used 1941 ..... .40 .12  
1512 886-89 Used 1943 ..... .90 .27  
1513 897-98 Mint 1943 ..... 4.20 1.70  
1514 903-04 Used 1943 ..... .25 .08  
1515 905-06 Used 1943 ..... .32 .10  
1516 911-14 Used 1944 ..... .40 .12  
1517 923-26 Used 1944 ..... .43 .13  
1518 931-37 Used 1944 ..... 1.69 .65  
1519 938-41 Used 1944 ..... .36 .28  
1520 942-44 Used 1944 ..... .29 .09  
1521 945-46 Used 1944 ..... .40 .12  
1522 1555-58 Used 1951 ..... 1.05 .35  
1523 1563-65 Used 1951 ..... .65 .22  
1524 1566-67 Used 1951 ..... .60 .20  
1525 1584-85 Used 1951 ..... .40 .14  
1526 1586-89 Used 1951 ..... .82 .28  
1527 1594-95 Used 1951 ..... .70 .24  
1528 1596-97 Used 1951 ..... .70 .24  
1529 1598-1602 Used 1951 ..... 1.50 .50  
1530 1603-04 Used 1951 ..... .40 .14  
1531 1610-11 Used 1951 ..... .60 .20  
1532 1622-23 Used 1952 ..... .85 .28  
1533 1624-27 Used 1952 ..... .80 .27  
1534 1628-29 Used 1952 ..... .30 .10  
1535 1630-31 Used 1952 ..... .30 .10  
1536 1632-36 Used 1952 ..... .30 .10  
1537 1637-39 Used 1952 ..... .45 .15  
1538 1640-42 Used 1952 ..... .45 .15  
1539 1643-44 Used 1952 ..... .45 .15

1565 ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON B9-10 mint 1942. See your cat. for details on these pretty stamps. Cat. \$.50. OUR PRICE \$.20

1567 SURINAM B41-46 mint 1945. This complete set is one that caught everyone's eye when it was issued. Cat. \$3.90. OUR PRICE \$1.80

### AIRMAIL

#### BRITISH EMPIRE AND WORLD WIDE

1547 ARGENTINA C55-56 mint 1948-9. This pretty set features, among other things, the idea of the world before Columbus made his discoveries. Cat. \$.60. OUR PRICE \$.26

1548 ARGENTINA C58 mint 1949. Do you shoot a rifle? This stamp has your target right on it. Cat. \$.30. OUR PRICE \$.12

1576 AUSTRIA C41-11 mint 1922-4. Did you ever see a hawk soaring over water? This set shows you how this is done. Cat. \$3.65. OUR PRICE \$1.60

1577 BELGIUM C8-11 used 1946. An aviation topical featuring the DC-3 airplane. Cat. \$1.68. OUR PRICE \$.80

1578 BELGIUM C81-2 used 1946. This set is mounted on a special card. While Scott does not list the card Sanabria lists it for \$.75. Cat. \$3.50. OUR PRICE \$1.50

1119 BOLIVIA C119-23 mint 1948. A religious set issued to publicize Catholic Education. Cat. \$1.65. OUR PRICE \$.50

1117 BOLIVIA 371-72, C163-64 mint 1952. Queen Isabella of Spain is depicted on this pretty set. Contains both the postage and airmail issue. Cat. \$2.96. OUR PRICE \$1.00

1549 BRAZIL C40 mint 1941. One of the highest value stamps issued by Brazil. Cat. \$1.50. OUR PRICE \$.70

1550 BRAZIL C50-52 used 1943. This centennial issue is in the format of the first stamps issued by Brazil. Cat. \$1.30. OUR PRICE \$.90

1551 BRAZIL C53 used 1943. This souvenir sheet was issued in conjunction with item 1550 above. Cat. \$.90. OUR PRICE \$.50

1552 BRAZIL C62-63 used 1945. South America on a stamp. Cat. \$.75. OUR PRICE \$.25

1553 BRAZIL C76 mint 1949. Franklin D. Roosevelt on a very unusual stamp. Bank-note type engraving. Cat. \$.50. OUR PRICE \$.28

1554 BRAZIL 006, C78-79 used 1950. Soccer in your album when this set is present. Cat. \$.60. OUR PRICE \$.32

1579 BULGARIA C19-30 mint 1940. Transportation, birds, cathedrals, and what have you, are all part of this lo.g. set. Cat. \$.75. OUR PRICE \$.30

1580 BULGARIA C31-40 mint 1945. This is one of the items that surprises everyone. The overprint is prettier than the stamp itself. Cat. \$1.20. OUR PRICE \$.40

1556 CUBA C36-37 used 1944. Columbus discovered America in 1492. Cuba discovered Columbus in 1944. The first Cuban land sighted by Columbus is one of the features of this set. Cat. \$.40. OUR PRICE \$.16

1581 CYRENAICA C1-5 mint 1932. One of the lesser known of the former Italian Colonies. Cat. \$1.25. OUR PRICE \$.50

1550 EGYPT C5-25 used 1933-8. An aviation topical featuring an airplane flying over the pyramids. Cat. \$.61.5. OUR PRICE \$.25

### AIRMAIL

1500 EGYPT C30-37 used 1941-3. The pyramids with an airplane over them combine the old with the new in a pleasing combination. Cat. \$.75. OUR PRICE \$.30